

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

By the current Amendment, claims 14-18 and 24-33 have been canceled, claim 19 has been amended, and claims 34-38 have been added.

Claims 14-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP '029 in view of WO '935. And, claims 19-23 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claims, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, without acquiescing to the appropriateness of the prior art rejections issued by the Examiner, and solely to further advance prosecution of this application, claims 14-18 and 24-33 have been canceled, while claim 19 has been rewritten in independent form, with the exception that the limitation "said measurement device being located within said electrical consumer appliance", as recited in claim 14, has not been included in claim 19. This limitation has been omitted because it is not believed to be necessary for patentability, in view of the fact that in the Office Action mailed April 22, 2003, claim 19 was said to be allowable without inclusion of the above-quoted limitation. Please note that this limitation is found in new claim 34.


Thus, because only claims remain which have been indicted to be allowable by the Examiner, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, with the allowed claims being 19-23 and 34-38, and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner believes that any issues remain which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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